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## NEWS

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### Dedicated Groups Help Clean Parks

A recent Saturday was a great day for the San Marcos River and many local parks as the Keep San Marcos Beautiful (KSMB) Adopt-a-Spot program hosted three dedicated groups to clean and beautify their adopted spot. KSMB also supported the annual Scuba Diver River Cleanup.

Beginning at 8 a.m. the Social Awareness Documentaries Film Club (SADOC), headed by Amanda Austin, cleaned Rio Vista Falls. This was the group's first cleanup with the Adopt-a-Spot program. SADOC also returned the next day to weed plant beds and continue their cleanup efforts.

Just up river at 8 a.m. at San Marcos Plaza Park Stage, the scuba diver river cleanup was beginning to set up. By 9:30 a.m., thirty scuba divers ranging from Denton to local areas filled their bellies with breakfast tacos from Napolitos and loaded the bus, driven by Lions Club members.

The divers were dropped off at Sewell Park and were picked up at noon to enjoy some BBQ sandwiches from Fuschaks. After lunch they were dropped back off at Rio Vista Falls and were picked up in the early evening at Thompson's Island.

The third cleanup of the day began at 10 a.m. Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) Fraternity, which adopted Plaza Park last year, conducted its first cleanup of the new school season. The group was led by Andres Aguirre, GTU President. They have continued to remain dedicated participants of KSMB since the inception of KSMB in the summer of 2009.

Finally at 11a.m., Chi Beta Delta began cleanup and beautification activities at Children's Park. They picked up trash, spread mulch in the Playscape area, removed fallen brush and then came over to the river cleanup to sort solid waste from recyclable materials.

The Chief Activities Officer, Alyssa Glass-Janitz, proved to be an outstanding leader during their cleanup. "San Marcos Adopt-A-Spot allows citizens of the community to step up and directly help out the environment and our local parks. It truly is a blessing to see the smiles on other's

faces once your organization has finished their clean-up; there is no better feeling than the reward you get from helping out the community,” stated Glass-Janitz.

“This was a very productive day for our City,” said Heather Powdrill, Community Beautification Coordinator. “KSMB and volunteers cleaned three parks and the San Marcos River and were able to remove hundreds of pounds of solid waste and recyclables.”

Other groups that recently conducted cleanups are the Texas State G-Force at Crooks Park, Central Texas Fly Fishers at Stokes Park, Amisrael El Mensajero De La Paz at Veterans Memorial, KAD of CM Allen Homes at Conway Park, and The Hub at Purgatory Creek Greenspace/Lower Prospect Park. Upcoming cleanups will be at Ramon Lucio Park by the Signarts Brigade and at Memorial Park by the San Marcos Academy students.

The Adopt-a-Spot program has fourteen groups or businesses who have adopted thirteen spots totaling 290 acres of adopted public property. Organizations and businesses interested in adopting a spot may contact Powdrill at 512.393.8420 or by email at [hpowdrill@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:hpowdrill@sanmarcostx.gov).

Information is also online at [www.sanmarcostx.gov](http://www.sanmarcostx.gov).

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